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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, submission of this Statement requires no fee. However, if for any reason a fee is due, the Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97, applicants  
hereby make the following patent documents and publications of  
record in the above-identified patent application:

Foreign Patent Documents

Europe	EP 0696646	February 14, 1996
PCT	WO 83/00508	February 17, 1983
Germany	DE 32 48 883	February 17, 1983

Other Documents

Schneider, W., et al., "Untersuchung der Wirksamkeit  
verschiedener Filtertypen für die Filtration von  
Aluminiumschmelzen, Teil I," Aluminium, Vol. 74, pp. 40-44,  
1998.

Filterofen zur Qualitätsverbesserung von  
Aluminiumgußteilen," Giesserei-Erfahrungsaustausch, p. 458,  
October 1998.

Copies of the aforementioned publications, which are listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 (submitted in duplicate), are enclosed herewith.

The aforementioned patent documents and publications were cited by a German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO) Examiner during an examination procedure in connection with a German counterpart application. Three of the aforementioned publications, "Untersuchung der Wirksamkeit verschiedener Filtertypen für die Filtration von Aluminiumschmelzen, Teil I," "Filterofen zur Qualitätsverbesserung von Aluminiumgußteilen," and patent document DE 32 48 883 are in the German language. Accordingly, applicants submit herewith a copy of the aforementioned German Patent and Trademark Office (GPTO) Search Report and a translation, provided by applicants' German associate, of the portions of the Report that indicate the degrees of relevance of the German language publications.

Applicants note that International Publication No. WO 83/00508 is an English language counterpart of patent document DE 32 48 883.

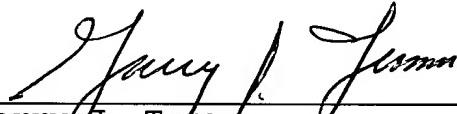
It is respectfully requested that these patent documents and publications be (1) fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application; and (2) printed on any patent which may issue on this application. Applicants request that a copy of Form

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An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

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